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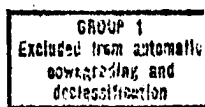
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Publicity Related to BLACK SHIELD
Aircraft

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. The first public reference to the presence of the BLACK SHIELD aircraft at KADENA Air Base occurred on 28 June 1967. It resulted from queries by a reporter on the OKINAWA Times who witnessed the aircraft taking off.
3. After persistent queries by the aforementioned newsman, Headquarters authorized the PIO, 313th Air Division to make a press release consistent with the approved cover and contingency plan. The statement was limited to an acknowledgment that the aircraft were experimental test bed versions of the YF-12A/SR-71 family which are at OKINAWA to undergo field tests. All further queries were to be referred to the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. The latter office has received no such queries as of this date.
4. Subsequent to the news release, articles appeared in the TOKYO and OKINAWAN newspapers and the Far East edition of the STARS AND STRIPES. In addition, FBIS OKINAWA



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intercepted a "Radio Moscow" broadcast which referred to the presence of the "12-A" aircraft at KADENA. Copies of the articles referred to are attached.

5. As far as we have been able to determine, the story was not picked up by U. S. news syndicates or periodicals. Ambassador Johnson, in response to a query from the State Department, reported from Tokyo that the matter had received very little attention there and that he had not been agitated by either the press or opposition.

6. I will keep you advised of any further developments.

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Director of Special Activities

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